

Platform Contest Closes To-night; 6,250 Planks Submitted

All Material Posted To-day To Be Counted

Letters or Planks Mailed Anywhere in United States Before Midnight are Eligible for Awards

Prize Winners on May 9

Heavy Voting in Final Hours Makes Important Changes Among Leading Issues

The Tribune's National Republican Platform Contest comes to an end at 12 o'clock to-night. Any letter or plank mailed before that time in any postoffice in the United States will be counted in the final result and considered in the prize awards. The Tribune's model platform of ten planks and the names of the prize winners will be published on Sunday, May 9.

Owing to the intense interest manifested in the platform page as shown by the vast amount of material submitted from all over the country, the printing of letters and planks will be continued through the first part of next week.

Heavy voting in the final hours of the contest casts some of the issues into doubtful places. At the ratio maintained through the last week, the issues of Labor and Capital, Foreign Relations, Americanism, Army and Navy Programs, Cost of Living, Constitutional Reforms, Bolshevism and Education should be among the prize planks. For ninth position, Conservation of Resources leads by fifty-one votes. Social Legislation is in tenth place with 139 votes, while Administration Reforms with 196 and Taxation, 195, are in close proximity to prize position.

A total of 6,250 votes have been cast. Here is the standing of the issues:

1. Capital and Labor.....	611
2. Foreign Relations.....	597
3. Americanism.....	595
4. Army and Navy Programs.....	481
5. Cost of Living.....	357
6. Constitutional Reforms.....	325
7. Bolshevism.....	305
8. Education.....	273
9. Conservation of Resources.....	250
10. Social Legislation.....	199
11. Administration Reforms.....	196
12. Taxation.....	195
13. Free Speech.....	176
14. Immigration.....	174
15. Tariff.....	164
16. Mexican Question.....	159
17. The Woman Voter.....	153
18. Prohibition.....	148
19. Aid for Soldiers.....	140
20. Budget.....	140
21. Merchant Marine.....	133
22. Government Control of Industry.....	131
23. National Economy.....	117
24. Railroads.....	104
25. National Finance.....	93
26. Agriculture.....	77
27. Island Possessions.....	47

Total.....6,250

Contestants have their last chance to-day to vote for these issues.

Exchange of Government Missionaries Is Proposed

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: We should like to suggest that this country send to and receive from other nations duly accredited "missionaries of government."

The greater number of wars of recent times have been between Christian nations. Would it not seem that the work that could and should be done by persons so designated would be perhaps of even greater importance just now than the spreading of Christianity among the citizens of pagan nations?

Let it be made part of the agreement between nations entering a league that each country be privileged to send representatives (whose fitness is vouched for) to acquaint the masses of each nation's citizens with what they consider the superior features in the particular form of government they prefer.

AND TUSOA.

Universal Training Held Unnecessary for Present

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: A consistent military and naval policy ought to be adopted. Universal military service of a short duration ought to be established. The supply of seasoned troops at present is adequate to meet any emergency and makes the expense incurred by such a policy within the next few years unnecessary.

The years ought to be devoted to the devising of a plan which will in the shortest possible time and with the least injury to economic forces yield the best return in able soldiers and physically fit men, devoted to the best interests of the country at all times.

N. S. W.

Conditions of the Platform Contest

The Tribune invites you to write planks for a Republican platform and to write letters about planks proposed by other readers through its columns.

For the best planks and letters The Tribune offers these prizes:
For the best plank.....\$500.00
For the second best plank.....250.00
For each of the eight next best planks.....100.00
For the best letter a daily prize of.....10.00
For the best letter in the whole competition.....100.00

The Tribune will make up a platform of ten planks to be determined by your votes. The ten issues receiving the most votes will be the planks. The ten planks that best express the chosen issues will be selected for the prize awards.

Each plank is limited to 100 words. Of two planks or letters of equal merit the shorter will be chosen.

Every plank and letter must bear the name and address of the sender, although a nom de plume will be published if the writer desires.

The contest will close at midnight, April 30, 1920. Manuscripts will not be returned.

The judges of the contest will be three of The Tribune's editors. They will base their decisions on sound thinking and brevity, clearness and strength of statement.

To-Day's Prize Letter

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Within the last twenty years there have landed at the port of New York City more than 12,000,000 immigrants from the eastern, southern and Mediterranean European countries and from the western Asiatic countries. Of these one-quarter were totally illiterate.

Most of these aliens came before the war gave birth to a new political issue and before the coining of the "Americanization." The thought of their ever becoming Americans, if ever conceived in the minds of statesmen at all, was a negligible one. They were viewed as "a labor asset" by Congress, by the government and by the people generally.

It is equally true that the idea of "Americanization"—of becoming "Americans"—was quite as remote in the minds of these recruits to our industrial army. From their landing their trend was away from everything American; toward groups of their native nationality. To quote from an authoritative report, "they worked with bosses speaking their own language in shops where English was never heard. They lived, congested and improperly housed, in sections with their own groups. They were influenced by their own language-speaking labor leaders and padrones, who as leaders were all-sufficient for them."

Federal Bureau Favored To Fight Strike Menace

Amicable Adjustment of All Disputes Between Capital and Labor Demanded

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: If a strike is considered unwarranted by the employers and justifiable by the employees, a bureau should be established with the next Administration where both sides may be heard. This bureau, on receipt of any complaint, should send out an investigator and locate the discord. A trial should be had and thus the remedy effectuated.

We want people to settle differences amicably and not by brute force. We do not want pickets when we have courts and competent judges. Unions are best to serve the majority, but today the unions are not doing the work they have set out to do. They are not expressing the workingman's opinions, but those of the few leaders who have become capitalists because they are

misrepresenting themselves as the workingman's leaders.
A man who strikes does not appreciate that the loss of income for the employer makes an increase of wage impossible. All disputes should go to the proper tribunal, and like Americans, settle differences in an upright, American way. DOROTHY FROOKS, Saugerties, N. Y.

New Forest Taxation Laws

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Any national platform should include an article covering the conservation of natural resources, including such resources as are dependent upon the proper maintenance of the forests of the country. From the forests are derived timber supplies, waterpower, wild game, recreational advantages and all kinds of articles in daily use that are made from wood products.

The best encouragement which the government can give in the matter of forest conservation is the enactment of suitable forest taxation laws, based on the value of the timber when cut, and not on the growing timber, as at present.

W. J. O'NEIL, Traffic Manager, Syracuse Chamber of Commerce.

Humanity Over Politics, Given As U. S. Scheme

America Urged to Go Beyond Its Own Horizon to Grasp Vision of Great Destiny That Will End Unrest

Favors League of Nations

Government Urged to Stand Firmly for Any Policy That Means End of War

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: All true Americans are trying to think of a remedy for the unstable conditions of our economic life. To get at the real root of the evil is primarily necessary that there be firmly established in the hearts of the people a true appreciation of what Americanism means. This could be most speedily brought about by: First, the establishment of a central bureau for the widest possible diffusion of the propaganda of Americanism and patriotic appeal to every man, woman and child for their devotion to its teaching.

Many come to this country to spend their lives who never really knew the meaning of the word Americanism. It is the ignorant who, through ignorance rather than from devious, selfishly led by the unscrupulous—are responsible for conditions which endanger the security and sanctity of American institutions.

Supplementing such propaganda should be the establishment of schools in every large city where free instruction could be had in the fundamentals of transportation, railroads and kindred lines of business necessary to the life of the people.

Let the average American master the fundamentals and his inventive genius will take care of the rest. Then a minority could never menace the happiness and peaceful existence of the majority.

Very few, if any, of our Americans would object to a tax in support of these things.

Second—Let every employer of labor, large or small, of whatever nature, issue a direct appeal to the patriotism of their employees for a 100 per cent Americanism, and let it be lived up to by the employer in giving the employed an unselfish, square deal.

Finally, and in support of it all, let the United States look beyond its own horizon and catch a vision of its great destiny. Let it be unafraid to take the step which leads to a fulfillment of that destiny—the step that will stabilize this unhappy world.

Let this government place humanity above politics and declare itself an ac-

tive participant in a league of nations for the preservation of peace.

If reservations must be had, let's have them; but let us stand openly and solidly for any pact that will prevent future butchery—that's all it is—lurchery of the best manhood of nations. That manhood is needed during all times, not to tear down the foundations of the world but to build up.

Let not this nation become the impotent thing it must become if it fails to measure up to the unselfish standards of true greatness, high ideals and service to its fellowmen whether as nations or as individuals.

HARRY L. REED.

Economy Bureau Proposed to Prevent Government Waste

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Democratic Administration has been a notorious failure in the direction of governmental economy. The present situation offers the opportunity to remedy the defects hitherto apparent in government finances and to make noteworthy strides in the direction of efficient economy, for if economy is to be effective and not detrimental it must be efficient.

Yearly large sums have been appropriated for postoffices, harbor improvements and other local works. These redound to the benefit of the whole country, but benefit certain sections more than others. Our villages with populations of 500 and postoffices costing tens of thousands have become the laughing stock of the world. Local pride induces the community to exert pressure on its loyal sons near the Capitol, and we cannot be severe if these men follow the wishes of their constituents. The result is an abuse of position and an unwarranted, an unfair drain on the national income.

The problem resolves itself into one of removing "influences," so called, from the making of appropriations for local improvements. Reasonable, equitable appropriations for the necessary purposes should be the aim. The opportunity for economy is significant; the great opportunity is that of the Republican party.

The plank might read as follows: "We (the Republican party) favor the creation of a commission whose object shall be the neutralization of those influences that have made possible the practices of 'pork distribution' and 'log rolling' by a fair and equitable distribution of local improvements, as a measure of justice and economy."

H. STANSKY, 314 Sheldon Court, Ithaca, N. Y.

Preservation of Forests

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The preservation of our forests and their extension through reforestation are of vital importance. The forests constitute one of our most valuable assets and their conservation should claim the effort of every thinking man and of all political parties.

THADEUS MERRIMAN.

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Some Suggested Planks

Among the mass of suggestions for planks in the Republican platform are the following:

Revise Income Tax Laws
Believing that the prosperity of this country is dependent on constitutional right to individual reward for individual effort, the Republican party pledges itself to make a study of the needs and resources of the government, with a view to an early equitable division of the income tax law so as to prevent the penalizing of effort and thrift and to encourage that accumulation of capital through which alone business enterprise can be extended.—Etta V. Leighton, 510 West 123d Street, New York City.

Adequate Standing Army
The Republican party favors an adequate standing army. And in view of the fact that our geographical situation has given us such extended coasts, it is only the part of wisdom to maintain a large navy sufficient for its defense. We hold that to be in a state of preparedness makes war more remote.—James E. Lewis, Hot Spring, Va.

Right Above All Else
Above all and before all else in this statement of principles that should govern the official representatives of our people we place the principles of right which, ever honored in our history and traditions,

No Impoverishing Taxes
We pledge to expel from interstate commerce all superfluous handlers of commodities whose uncalculated activities place impoverishing taxes on both producers and consumers.—"By George."

Let the Constitution Stand
We disapprove of continual tinkering with the Constitution of the United States as inimical to the stability of our government and the liberties of our people.—George Lyman Banks, Groveland, Calif.

find corroboration in the common experience of mankind and the highest sanction in the revelations of divine purpose.—Marion Wilcox, Hotel Shelbourne, Atlantic City, N. J.

Industrial State Courts
Every state should establish a court of industrial relations and insist that the law be rigidly enforced, that nothing be allowed to step the

Wheels of Public Industry—A. J. De Voe, Meteorologist, Hackensack, N. J.

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515 advertisements, listing rooms and board in city and country, appeared in last Sunday's Times.

Want to Buy or Sell an Auto?
239 used cars were offered for sale in The Times last Sunday.

Seeking Business Opportunities?
214 advertisements under this head appeared in The Times last Sunday.

7,237 censored want advertisements appeared last Sunday in

The New York Times

Examine the Want Advertisements in The New York Times next Sunday. Questionable announcements omitted.